

## Letter from Hannah J. Osgood to Alexander Graham Bell, March 3, 1914

Sir James Owan Royal Mr. John Ackers 221 Beacon Street, Boston, March 3, 1914. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Washington, D. C. My dear Dr. Bell:

Some years ago I had the honor and pleasure of being introduced to you by Miss Fuller at a meeting at the Horace Mann School, where my son George Draper Osgood was then a pupil in the primary department.

He continued for a time at the Horace Mann, and his subsequent education in hearing schools was under the direction of Miss Fuller until he entered Harvard. I am sure you will understand and sympathize with a mother's pride in his record when I tell you that he completed the work for the A. B. degree, cum laude , in three years, gaining a Harvard College Scholarship, and took the Master's degree in the fourth.

He also has had a second year in the Graduate School. This would have been creditable for any boy but was really an achievement for one born deaf, and shows both persistence and a good mind. I also take great pride in the fact that he has the highest of moral standards.

His great interest in life is scientific research along the lines of chemistry and physics, and he 2 he has now decided to pursue his studies in the Universities of England and Germany; being influenced to do so by the suggestion of an eminent German scientist who has seen one of his articles.

Recognizing your world-wide reputation, as all must do, with the double appeal of his deafness and his love of science, I venture to ask your assistance in the way of letters of introduction which would be of use in his work in either country, and also a letter to some

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one principal of an Institution for the Deaf near Berlin. I ask for this last, because I think in case of any official difficulty it might be of use.

Trusting, my dear Dr. Bell, that I am not asking too much of your generosity, and with very agreeable memories of our meeting, believe me

Sincerely yours, Hannah T. Osford Address Mrs. E. L. Osford 221 Beacon St Boston Mass.